

Serial Number 09/982,178

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliance was on the basis that the amendments to the title to were scanned as part of the claims rather than specification (even though the amendments were presented on a separate sheet clearly labeled "Amendments to Title").

In reply, the amendments to the title are re-submitted under the header—Amendments to Specification— rather than "Amendments to Title," as suggested during a telephone interview with Legal Instruments Examiner Barbara Alexander on May 12, 2005.

For the reasons stated in the March 24, 2005 response, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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